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TO: California's Emergency Management and First Responder Community

SUBJECT: OES TRAINING AND EXERCISE GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE

Many of you are familiar with one of the essential core missions of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services – disaster preparedness. In addition to our role as California's lead coordination agency in disaster mitigation, planning, response, and recovery, the Office of Emergency Services has a long and distinguished history of providing two vital preparedness services: training and exercises.

Our training and exercise branch, including the California Specialized Training Institute, has been providing premier all-hazard emergency management, tactical law enforcement, crisis communications, WMD-terrorism, and hazardous materials state-certified training and exercise services for over 30 years.

The purpose of this information packet is to provide you with the most current guidance and resources relating to the Office of Emergency Services Statewide Training and Exercise Program. Information in this packet will explain the Office of Emergency Services responsibilities as the State Training Officer and the State Exercise Officer. Additionally, we will provide guidance in obtaining state-certified training or training that meets state standards while ensuring compliance with federal standards.

Our goal is to assist state and local government, business, and other community organizations in obtaining effective emergency management and disaster preparedness training and exercises to ultimately preserve life and prevent or reduce the impacts of potential disasters and catastrophic events.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. [OES/CSTI Training and Exercise Program](#)
2. [OES/CSTI Terrorism Training](#)
3. [OES/CSTI Master Course List](#)
4. [OES-FEMA Training and Exercise Coordination](#)
5. [OES Guidance for Selecting Training and Exercise Providers](#)